

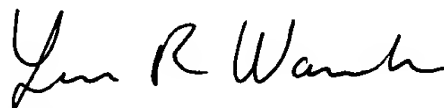
REMARKS

The basis for traversal is that the non-elected claims have already been examined, so further examination would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The examination of the non-elected claims significantly overlap with the examination of the elected claims in any event, which is another basis for traversal. For these reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this election/restriction, and reconsideration of all claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By



Laura R. Wanek

Registration No. 53,737

August 20, 2004
300 South Wacker Drive - Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312.360.0080
Facsimile: 312.360.9315